

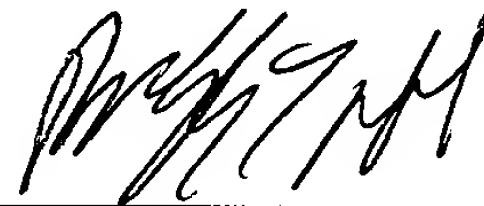
the prior application, relating to a photochromic compound with two identical photochromic sections, has been deleted, as well as the figures relating to the compound of Example 1 and the numbering of the remaining figures and examples has been changed. A new abstract is provided that reflects the new Claim 5 added above. It is respectfully submitted that these revisions do not constitute new matter with respect to the prior application.

The above Preliminary Amendment adds new claim 5 to the application. Claim 5 is supported, for example, by pages 3-9 of the prior application and pages 6 - 9 of the present revised specification.

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment and favorable action on the merits, are respectfully requested.

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